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Carol Flanders stands beside her 14-foot longarm quilting machine. Perched atop it is a teddy bear made from the pattern she uses to create unique "memory bears." *A. Chapman*

Quilter finds a niche in the North Woods

BY AMY CHAPMAN

The "Directions" page on the website for Carol Flanders' quilt shop appears to answer a frequently-asked question—"What are you near?"—with, "Actually, we're not near anything."

"We are 47 miles from Berlin, one hour; about 36 miles from Colebrook, 45 minutes; 15 miles from Errol, 18 minutes; 27 miles from Rangeley..."

Yet Carol has found herself just as busy as she wants to be since opening North Woods Quilting in her home on the Wilsons Mills Road in northern Oxford County more than four years ago.

She and her husband, Les, bought property in Lincoln Plantation, where they had taken many camping vacations at nearby Aziscoos Valley Camping Area, around 2007.

After living in the mobile home that came with their property for a couple of years, they built a new house. Les finished off the large walk-in basement, making it perfect for an in-home business.

Carol, who had learned to sew as a Girl Scout, had been quilting for decades, making **See Quilter, Page 3**

Albany discusses next steps on future budgets

BY ALISON ALOISIO

"If you want to participate, this is an opportunity to do it. We can let the future ride, or we can take control."

That was the challenge Jeff Rosenblatt put before about 30 Albany residents Monday at a meeting called by the Albany Improvement Association to discuss the township's fiscal relationship with Oxford County.

Rosenblatt, also an Albany resident, has attended meetings recently with county commissioners and other officials to discuss issues relating to a 17 percent increase in unorganized territory tax bills last year, particularly money spent on improvements on the Hunt's Corner Road.

According to Oxford County Administrator Scott Cole, the county annually submits to the state an estimate of costs for municipal services within Oxford's UTs for the coming year. Once a final municipal figure is adopted, the state sends the amount in quarterly payments, and the county uses the money to pay bills for various functions. The UT money is held in a separate fund.

Because Albany is not a town, residents do not vote directly on how the money is spent.

This past fall Cole met with residents and outlined the spending, arguing that the Hunt's Corner roadwork had been put off too long and the improvements were much needed.

Rosenblatt said Monday interested residents could get involved in future budgets by forming specific committees to do three tasks: provide the county informal input on upcoming roadwork; review an audit he had obtained from the county; and pursue a change in state law to give UT residents a formal role in the budget process.

He said a small group of residents familiar with road work processes might meet with county officials to discuss priorities and the bidding of contracts. Rosenblatt said the county officials are willing to have Albany residents participate.

"We can participate as much as we want," he said. He also said he was pleased with how "forthcoming" the

officials were in the recent meetings.

He recommended another group review the county audit, which he said did not seem very thorough. (He said after the meeting he felt confident the money "was honestly and well spent; you just can't tell any of that from the audit document.")

As for changing state law, he cited the public meeting in Albany last fall with Cole in which residents expressed frustration that they cannot serve on the county budget committee. Rosenblatt suggested talking to state representatives about getting the law changed. Currently, selectmen from Oxford County towns serve on the budget

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Bethel to host moose lottery, fest

The Bethel Maine Moose Festival & Moose Lottery will take place June 12-14 in Bethel.

Each year, the state of Maine offers moose hunting permits through a lottery process, according to the event website. Winners will be assigned a certain zone in which to hunt.

The first day, Friday, will feature a Moose Calling Contest Qualifying Round.

Saturday's activities will include demonstrations on Versatile Hunting Dogs, Blood tracking big game with dogs, fly fishing, ATV safety course, a shooting exposition and others.

The finals of moose calling will also take place, followed mid-afternoon by the moose hunting permit lottery.

Sunday will offer a Youth Field Day at the 4-H Camp in Bryant Pond and a golf tournament at the Bethel Inn Resort to benefit camp scholarships.

The Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce has been awarded a \$10,000 grant by the Maine Office of Tourism to promote the event.

For more information go to <http://www.bethelmainemoosefest.com/>.



YOU'RE IT—The Telstar Relays cross-country races took place Saturday, but because of trail conditions they were hosted by Gould Academy. Here, Gould's Leela Hornbach starts her leg of the race after being tagged by Andrew Siegel. The four-skier team, which also included Caleb Clarke and Rachael Goldberg, placed second of 34 teams competing in the first wave. For more ski competition photos, see Page 6. *A. Aloisio*

Maine Ski Museum Skee Spree is Jan. 17

The first annual Skee Spree, a celebration of Maine's skiing heritage and auction to benefit the Ski Museum of Maine, is set for Saturday, Jan. 17, at the White Cap Lodge at Sunday River Resort, according to a press release. The event showcases Maine's ski history and features photos, memorabilia, and historic equipment that have been acquired in large part through the generosity of private donations from the collections of long-time Maine residents.

Beginning at noon, the museum will be displaying artifacts, photos, and memorabilia from its collection. At 2 p.m., Scott Andrews, the Ski Museum's historian, will present a fireside chat "Down-Mountain and Cross-Country: 145 Years of Skiing in Maine." This slideshow is an overview that covers all facets of skiing over the entire time period, from the arrival of Scandinavian immigrants in 1870 to the present.

The benefit silent and live auctions will be held from 4:30 to 6:30 at the upper level of the White Cap Lodge. Auction items include lodging and dining certificates, antique and new ski equipment, ski passes, food baskets, artisan crafts, summer golf and fishing expeditions, a snowmobile tour, First Tracks at Sunday River and a "season's" dining pass for 100 of Sunday River's famously delicious cinnamon buns.

Skee Spree Schedule all to take place at Sunday River's White Cap Lodge: 12 to 4:30 p.m., Ski Memorabilia Display in the White Cap Lodge;

2 to 3 p.m., Fireside Chat: Down-Mountain and Cross-Country: 145 Years of Skiing in Maine; 4 to 6:30 p.m., Reception at the White Cap; 4 to 5:30 p.m., Silent and Live Auctions.

The Skee Spree event derives its name from Theo Johnsen's 1905 book *The Winter Sport of Skiing*. The current spelling of the word "ski" did not come into use until the 1920s. The word "spree" refers to both the unrestrained outburst of activity as well as "Ski-Spree" a unique wax for P-tex based skis. The wax was developed in the 1950s by Gorham resident Ray Letarte.

Founded in 1995, the Ski Museum of Maine was established with the mission to celebrate and preserve the history and heritage of Maine skiing. The Museum exhibits artifacts, photographs, artworks, and documents at its location in Kingfield, conducts educational programs to ski clubs, schools, libraries, historical and civic organizations, and hosts social events and activities. For more go to www.skimuseumofmaine.org.

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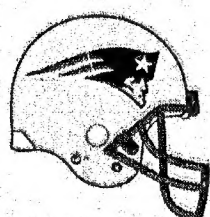
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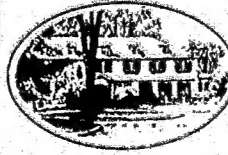
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Letters

NEWRY WITHDRAWAL MOTIVES QUESTIONED

To the Editor:

Already ashamed of themselves, the group obsessed with deconstructing public education in the Sunday River region continues to coyly insist that their concern is for the "best education" of Newry students (Bethel Citizen, Dec. 11, 2014). If their actions weren't so scandalous, they'd simply admit that they're zealots, swept in a self-serving wave of government-bashing.

When the conversation begins and ends with squabbles about money, about the per-student expenditures, and about the property tax base, rest assured that their focus is strictly and narrowly on the money. Back-filling and rationalizing with disjointed utterances about test scores and school rankings, they've tried to obscure the underlying greed behind the effort to black-mail SAD 44, and all the families it serves.

If those leading the misguided crusade for Newry's withdrawal from the school district were truly intent upon delivering quality education, their first discussions would have included realistic visions and scenarios to deliver on educational improvement. Instead, we now read that they have no concrete ideas or enhancements in mind, and that they're grasping at a random hodge-podge of afterthoughts over where the affected students might attend classes. Clearly, the insistence that this effort has anything to do with improving education is disingenuous.

When, like the unclothed emperor, they're confronted with the transparency of their greed, withdrawal extremists palliate their position, insisting that it's not about the money, but concerns about under-representation in SAD governance. Again, this is a conspicuous falsehood. If Newry citizens are dissatisfied with current representative proportionality in school board proceedings, can you imagine how much worse that representation would be if the Newry students are farmed out to surrounding school districts, as discussed recently? (Bethel Citizen, Dec. 11, 2014) The voice of Newry taxpayers would be, dilute to the point of irrelevance; our students and our money left entirely in the hands of others.

When this insular gang of "leaders" bemoan the school ranking grade for SAD 44, it's clear that they're not familiar with the simplest statistical analyses. It's not necessary to calculate the chi square test, but understanding the difference between data correlation and dependence is the least we should expect from people purporting to improve schools while drastically diminishing their resources. Again, they're either unscrupulous or unaware, possibly both.

Analysis of the results from the school grading report (a poor and inaccurate assessment of school quality) shows that levels of school poverty and average student achievement are related and dependent. The school grade formula disproportionately penalizes districts with high levels of free and reduced lunch students (one measure of per capita income in student homes).

Furthermore, in schools where per-student funding, from combined sources, has fallen relative to surrounding states, so have the overall school grades assigned by the Maine DOE. There is strong statistical correlation, showing causation, between reduced funding and educational performance (as functions of teacher experience levels, teacher education levels, staff retention, and other critical factors). It is now clear that withdrawal will mean lower per-student funding for SAD 44, so students who remain in that district (via tuition) will likely receive a lesser education.

There are only so many synonyms for dishonesty, and they're all on display for public viewing at the Newry School Withdrawal Committee meetings.

Fred Call
Newry

TELSTAR RELAY THANKS

To the Editor:

On Saturday, Jan. 3, I attended the 39th annual Telstar Ski Relay as a parent, spectator and volunteer. This is a Nordic Ski Race that has about 400 high school skiers participating from high schools all over the state. Despite the tardy snow, which caused the relocation of the event from the Testar High School woods to Gould's Pine Hill ski arena the event was an inspiration. From the athletic prowess and camaraderie the skiers demonstrated on a relay course that could charitably be called "fast" to the coming together of the community volunteers to prepare the course and support the event this was an event to remember. Students and community members spent hours raking pinecones off the course and shoveling snow on to the track. Volunteers showed up in the early hours of the morning to prepare the arena, mark the course and arrange for parking and crowd control as the busses filled with skiers rolled in from around the state. The Telstar Senior class set up a food booth with tasty hot food offerings. The relays went off with energy, enthusiasm and athletic exuberance. From the heartbreakingly close finish of the first race to the traditional end of race raffle of the wildly colorful Ski Tights the relays were a brilliant harbinger of what the New Year can offer here in Bethel.

This event represents more than the exuberance of athletic accomplishment. The relay which kicks off the Nordic race season is a gem of an event that Telstar and the local community should be very proud to host during a time of year that is often very challenging. I would like to offer my appreciation to the organizers who have kept this event going for the past 39 years. In particular to Sarah Southam who this year in the face of impossible odds had the grit to say let's keep the tradition going and to the scores of volunteers who took up the challenge and helped create such a memorable day.

Jonathan Goldberg
Bethel

COUPON DRIVE THANKS

To the Editor:

On behalf of the American Legion Auxiliary, Mundt-Allen Post 81 in Bethel, I would like to thank everyone in the community for their generosity during our recent Coupon Drive. The coupons collected go a long way towards helping our deployed troops and their families meet day-to-day expenses while far from home. Through your help, we were able to send over \$9,000 worth of coupons for their use. We especially want to thank the Bethel Foodliner for allowing us to conduct our drive at their store.

Barbara Dion, President
American Legion Auxiliary, Mundt-Allen Post 81
Bethel

Briefly

Woodstock settles road paving issue

WOODSTOCK-Woodstock selectmen and contractor Bruce Manzer Tuesday formally agreed to a settlement in which the town will pay Manzer \$11,300 for paving work on Lakeside Drive that the town said it did not ask for, according to Town Manager Vern Maxfield. The figure is half what Manzer had billed. In other business: 1. The board learned from the Maine Municipal Association that Selectman Steve Bies can still serve on the board and live out of town several months a year as long as he remains a registered voter. He will still attend regular meetings. 2. Six properties in town were foreclosed on tax liens on Dec. 30, but two owners who still live in the properties have agreed to make tax payments monthly to pay the money by the end of this year. 3. The town's old 1979 road grader was sold for \$3,500 to Roland Wiley of Fryeburg. 4. Selectmen will meet with MDOT Feb. 3 to discuss the MDOT bridge building on Route 232. It is for sale and the town has an opportunity to buy it. 5. There is a request to amend the Dog Control Ordinance to require notification to abutting landowners of applications for permits or licenses for any dog kennel, rescue shelter or other facility that would house three or more dogs at a time. It will be put on the Town Meeting warrant.

Meth-ring member sentenced

ALBANY-An Albany Township resident has been sentenced to three and a half years in jail for his involvement in manufacturing and selling methamphetamine in Oxford County. Rodney Levesque, 36, was sentenced in Superior Court Tuesday to two concurrent three-and-a-half-year terms for aggravated drug trafficking charges, and a 364-day concurrent sentence for assaulting an informant. State prosecutors recommended an eight-year prison sentence, with all but four years suspended, to run concurrent with a five-year prison sentence, with all but four years suspended, for the first two counts, though Active-Retired Justice Robert Clifford reduced it in light of Levesque's guilty plea to the charges in November. In exchange for the plea deal, additional drug-related counts were dropped. Levesque was arrested last February in a countywide roundup, along with seven others, following a three-month investigation. Levesque was said to have learned how to cook meth, a highly addictive stimulant, from the operation's ringleader, David Thompson of Gilead, according to a police affidavit. Assistant Attorney General David Fisher said previously that had the case gone to trial, witnesses would have testified that on Dec. 20 and 23, 2013, an informant for the state made a controlled purchase of meth from Levesque in Greenwood. - C. Crosby, Sun Media Wire

Albany

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committee.

Toward the end of Monday's hour-long meeting Rosenblatt suggested a group of about three people tackle upcoming road issues.

But resident Art Marshall had another suggestion: "A public meeting, just like this one, that's a presentation that Scott is making of the capital projects for the 2015 construction year," he said.

Rosenblatt said later he would follow up on possible meetings with Cole. He said no one expressed interest in the committees idea after

the meeting. Marshall volunteered to review the audit, he said.

Law followed?

During Monday's meeting Rosenblatt also discussed a Dec. 31 e-mail he sent to Cole that included concerns regarding how contracts, such as for road maintenance, are awarded by the county.

Rosenblatt said state statute requires counties conduct a bid process for construction and other similar work totaling more than \$2,500, and he questioned if that was happening in all

cases.

He said Cole responded briefly to him and asked for more time to "provide more detail, but had not responded in time for the meeting.

Rosenblatt later learned Cole had responded about a half hour before the meeting started, in an e-mail also intended for residents.

Cole addressed the bidding question, citing language in the law "requiring competitive bidding in county procurement where costs exceeds \$2,500."

However, he asked, "is this language applicable to counties acting in the capacity of municipalities, or was it intended only to govern counties' use of general fund money? Since statute does not require competitive bidding of municipalities, does it follow

that the same condition exists when counties are acting in a municipal capacity?"

Cole went on to say that that he and his staff have a limited amount of time for the administration of the unorganized territories. "Deputy Administrator Judy Haas and I truly have our hands full operating the larger county government," he said. "Other Maine counties have two employees for their unorganized territory, complete with a separate office. We have neither in Oxford. Yet our budgets and obligations are the same."

A new administrative assistant position has been proposed to handle much of the unorganized territory business in Oxford County. The position would be paid for in part through the UT

budget.

Cole also expressed a willingness to meet with Albany residents regularly.

"I would also be happy to meet informally in Albany once or twice a year to review the county's unorganized territory program," he wrote.

Tax breakdown
Cole also provided a breakdown of property taxes in the unorganized territory, which are based on four components - municipal services, state services, county government, and overlay. He said the current annual tax levy was set last summer at \$2,199,859 with a breakout of: municipal \$1,185,959, 54 percent; state services \$767,893, 35 percent; county government \$207,013, 9 percent; and overlay \$38,994, 2 percent.

Three-fourths of the Oxford County UT municipal money goes into road/bridge maintenance and rehabilitation for 54 miles of road, half of it in Albany. There are 19 townships in the county, three with permanent population, Cole said.

Left, Jeff Rosenblatt explains information about taxes in the Unorganized Territories at Monday's night meeting in Albany to discuss possible future steps for participating in UT budget process. Below, Joe Lyons (standing) asks a question. A. Aloisio



Our Back Pages

BY DANNA BROWN
NICKERSON

10 years ago: Trout Unlimited and Carter's Cross Country Ski held a chili sale at the ski center to raise funds for children who want to attend the Maine Conservation School.

Telstar's girls' basketball team defeated the Winthrop Ramblers 59-48 in a game at Telstar.

Deaths: Norman L. Kincaid, Muriel Whitney, Lorraine M. Blay York.

20 years ago: Newry selectmen appointed Leslie Thurston to serve as the town's recycling coordinator.

Recent cold weather had made area ponds and lakes safer, but state officials were still warning ice anglers to use caution, especially on unfamiliar stretches of water.

Births: Richard Gerald James III, Kevin Michael Annis.

Deaths: Archibald "Archie" Post, James Stubbs, Leonard A. Tyler, Robert E. Foster.

30 years ago: A vehicle went off the bridge over the Little Androscoggin in West Paris damaging the water main and leaving 275 homes without water for the week-end.

Mt. Abram hired a helicopter to move snow from its parking lot to the upper slopes of the mountain where much of the snow cover had melted off in a temperature inversion.

Deaths: Mildred S. Wieden, RN, Mrs. Kay M. Tamminen, Mrs. Mildred M. Lowell, Mrs. Elizabeth B. Marshall.

40 years ago: Sen. Edmund Muskie was featured speaker at a luncheon meeting of the Town Democratic Committee at the Bethel Spa.

A number of people were fishing and skating on Songo Pond.

Birth: Melissa Ann Walker. Deaths: Mrs. Nanette F. Crockett, Roland M. Fleet.

50 years ago: The Sunday River Sauna Finnish Bath was recently opened by Uel Gardner next to the Sunday River Inn.

The Sunday River Ski Club opened its winter season with a free baked bean supper at the Sunday River Skiway Lodge.

Birth: Sandra Lee Kimball. Deaths: Fred W. Waterhouse, Dennis H. Doughty.

60 years ago: The Benjamin Wrecking Company of Portland had begun work razing the old brick grammar school building on Elm Street.

Myron C. Bryant purchased two buildings adjoining his IGA store property on Main Street from the W.R. Chapman Estate.

Births: Richard Steven Swan, Carl Frederick Jordan. Deaths: Henry D. Douglass, Charles F. Valentine, Joseph O. Hamel.

70 years ago: Seven freight cars and cabooses were derailed in the Bethel yard. No one was injured.

Maine received 28 automobiles for rationing during January.

Deaths: Mrs. Jessie Kimball Ostrander, Lewis W. Farnum.

80 years ago: Chester Wheeler of West Bethel was announced as State Champion in the Garden project at the State 4-H Club Contest held at Orono.

The Bethel Musicians met at the home of Mrs. S.S. Greenleaf with 19 in attendance.

Birth: Irene Ina Coolidge. Deaths: George L. Briggs, Herbert A. Buck, James H. Heald, Nathan G. Foster, Mrs. Gwendolin Perham, Mrs. Esther E. Royal.

90 years ago: The new dormitory for girls at Gould Academy was nearing completion.

There were 189 pupils in the brick building. The seriousness of the crowded conditions was being considered.

Deaths: Mrs. R.E.L. Farwell, Francis S. Chandler.

110 years ago: Miss Bessie Stanley was attending Shaw's Business College, Portland.

Hastings Brothers had put telephone instruments at their camps in Mason and at Wild River thus giving them direct communication with their lumbering operations.

Deaths: Samuel F. Stearns, Hon. Alden Chase, Henry V. Poor, Jerome Desroche.

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Quilter

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gifts for family and friends. She had even bought a special quilting machine, but it couldn't do everything she wanted.

When she heard of a Gammill Classic Plus quilting machine that was for sale at a quilt shop in Milan, N.H., she drove over to have a look.

As it turned out, the owner, Deb Eaton, was interested in selling the entire contents of her shop—the long-arm quilting machine, other sewing equipment, wooden shelving, and an extensive inventory of cotton print fabrics and notions.

Carol bought it all, and suddenly, she was in business.

Both Les and Carol are retired after long careers of running their family business, Flanders Electric, in Norway. Les had a head start on retirement, selling the business in 2007 and moving full-time to Lincoln Plantation, where he now serves as a selectman.

Carol, however, continued to work as the office manager in Norway for several more years, while also running her quilt shop in Lincoln Plantation.

"I would go down on Sunday nights, and stay with my father-in-law in Stoneham and work in the office Monday through Wednesday," she said. "Then I'd drive back up here and open the shop on Thursday morning."

For the past year, she has been fully retired from



Carol Flanders of North Woods Quilting considers the best way to restore a worn quilt for a customer. "She told me, 'My grandmother made it—I can't give it up!'" Flanders said.

Flanders Electric. Her shop is open three days a week, Thursday through Saturday, from 10 to 5, and Sunday through Wednesday by appointment.

Hundreds of bolts of colorful fabric line several aisles. Given the shop's name and location, Carol says that many people gravitate toward a wide array of rustic and outdoor designs—plaids, wildlife prints, and nature-themed fabrics.

Customers can create a quilt top and bring it to Carol for finishing on her longarm machine. The Gammill's 14-foot length allows her to add batting and backing and machine-quilt anything from a crib quilt or wall-hanging to a king-size quilt.

She can use it to quilt free-

hand, following the outlines of the quilt pieces, or she can use paper templates, tracing the design with a laser, to create fancy quilted patterns.

If customers prefer, Carol will make them a quilt from start to finish—cutting, piecing, quilting, and binding.

She has found a particular niche creating "memory quilts." People bring her pieces of clothing that belonged to a loved one, and she cuts them apart and incorporates the fabrics into a one-of-a-kind quilt to remember them by.

She also makes teddy bears and other items from fabrics that hold special meaning. Last fall, she sewed eight pillowcases and 13 teddy bears for a single customer.

After her father-in-law passed away recently, Carol made many pairs of fleece-lined mittens for family members from his plaid wool hunting jackets.

When the shop is closed, she can usually be found upstairs, sewing beside a sunny window.

Carol makes quilted pillows, potholders, placemats, table runners, Christmas ornaments, and other gift items to sell, both in her own shop and in her niece's ice cream and gift shop, The Homestead, in Lovell.

People often ask her to restore tattered quilts that have been in their families for so long that they have been nearly "loved to pieces." She preserves as much of the original fabric quilt blocks as possible, replacing binding, sashing, batting, and backing as needed.

Each April, North Woods Quilting and other independently owned quilt shops in Maine participate in the month-long Maine Quilt Shop Hop. Quilters receive a "passport" and a map of participating shops—there were 39 in 2014—and visit as many as they can throughout the month.

Passports are stamped at each shop, and quilters who visit at least ten shops mail their stamped passports to the organizers to qualify for prize drawings. The more shops visited, the higher the value of the prizes.

Information on the spring event can be found online at www.mainesquithop.com or on the event's Facebook page.

Carol and several other quilt shop owners in western Maine have also organized and participated in a similar, smaller event, the Autumn Splendor Quilt Shop Hop, in the fall.

North Woods Quilting's website is www.northwoodsquilting.com.

Town News

Bethel

By Nancy Brown



The New Year's first snow storm on the night of Jan. 3 left 6 inches of fluffy powder in Bethel. By early Sunday morning freezing rain had left a thin crust on the new snow. Fog and misty conditions lasted throughout the day. Road crews did a great job of keeping the icy roads cleared and sanded. Unfortunately, Bethel never reached the forecast 40 degree temperatures we were supposed to have on Sunday, but the snow shoeing conditions were excellent. There are literally hundreds of snowshoe-friendly trails in this area. If you're interested in snowshoeing some easy, mostly level trails, try the Pathway trail in Bethel or some of the trails behind Telstar. A few of my favorite more moderate, steeper trails nearby are at Mt. Will (across from the Bethel transfer station) and Maggie's Nature Park in Locke's Mills (across from South Pond). Maps of snowshoeing trails are available at the Bethel Chamber of Commerce office at 8 Station Road (near Cross Street).

I had hoped that January would kick off a better year for "stargazers" in western Maine. After all, last year's meteor showers were pretty much washed out by super moons, full moons, and cloudy skies. In like manner, the first meteor shower of the year, the Quadrantids,

which peaked on Jan. 3, was obscured by both the light of the full moon and a snow storm.

Another reminder for those who are running behind because of the holidays: dog licenses were due by Jan. 1. Licenses can be paid at the Town Office. Bring a copy of your dog's rabies certificate with you. There is a short grace period here in Bethel, but beginning Feb. 1 there is a late fee of \$25 for each unregistered dog that you have.

On Dec. 31, 2014, Josh and Jim Young took Shonna to JFK airport, New York City, for her flight to Malasia—six weeks teaching. Jim stayed with Josh a couple of days before returning to Bethel.

If you have news to share, please e-mail me at brown-nancy1950@gmail.com, or call me at 824-2483.

East Bethel

By Wally Ritz



I hope 2015 is off to a good start for everyone. We sure could do without the blustery cold which is forecasted.

The day before Christmas Arlene Harrington went to stay with her daughter Dori. She returned home the Sunday after.

Susan Wight and her husband have some wonderful Holiday News. Their daughter Amanda Wight and her husband Alon Rand had two special deliveries, arriving by emergency C-section on Dec. 27, 2014. Jen-

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na Alexis and Tyler John Rand were born at 11:31 and 11:32 a.m. at Holyoke Medical Center, Holyoke, Mass. Jenna weighed 6 pounds 1 ounce and Tyler weighed 4 pounds 9 ounces. Both babies were transported to the NICU at Bay State Medical center in Springfield, Mass. All are doing well and hopefully by the time the column is published, both babies will be home with Mom and Dad. Congratulations to the proud grandparents and the proud parents. They also celebrated the first birthday of their granddaughter, Avery Wight, at the home of her parents Nathan and Shana Wight in Gray. Avery's birthday is Dec. 26. Also present was their other granddaughter Addison. Belated Happy Birthday Avery.

Am sorry to say that Neil Olson had sad news. His helper for setting up and organizing the annual Trappers Weekend, Roger Mason, passed away. He was 69 years of age. All our deepest sympathy to the family.

On the brighter side of things, Neil and Linda's grandson, Connor Aube, will go to Duke in North Carolina to work out with the baseball team this coming weekend. His parents and grandparents must be so proud of him. Let's wish him well and hope that he will get the scholarship.

Alder River Grange will meet on Jan. 9, 2015 at Stan Howe's home on Broad Street. There will be a 6 p.m. supper and the meeting at 7. This is weather permitting.

This week it's time for a Trivia question again. Who ran the ferry for a short time for Elmer Trask?

Hope to hear from many of you. Please, call me at 507-1008 or e-mail heinrichcrack@gmail.com.

Have a great week and stay warm.

Andover

By Jane C. Rich



At long last Mother Nature has provided us with adequate snow and cold to answer the many prayers and wishes of winter sporting enthusiasts. So I can now safely say that the snowmobile trails and the skating rink are ready for your enjoyment. Speaking of recreation in Andover, there are vacancies on the Recreation Committee which is down to one member. Over past years this group has provided many entertaining opportunities for residents and visitors to enjoy our beautiful mountains, lakes and streams and use our great facilities at the ball field and tennis courts. All of these

activities needed someone to come up with an idea and to follow through with planning and publicity. If this is something you would like to help continue, please call the Town Office at 392-3302 and volunteer.

Nomination Papers are currently being circulated for the following positions: Selectman, Assessor, Overseer of the Poor, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Treasurer, and Road Commissioner. In addition there are three positions available on our new school board for a one year, two year and three year term. Papers must be filed by Feb. 5 and require 25 or more signatures to be placed on the ballot.

The Andover Transfer Station employees have asked me to thank the citizens of our community for their many Christmas greetings. Speaking of the Transfer Station, do any of us really appreciate those people who help us with throwaways and recycling? They are always ready to help and out there in all kinds of terrible weather. The Transfer Station is open on Tuesdays from 12 to 4 p.m., Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon and Sundays from 7 a.m. to noon. Don't forget to have a punch card if you are disposing of tires, refrigerators, computers and monitors. Punch cards can be obtained at the Town Office.

After the Christmas-New Year's break, the Andover Food Pantry has reopened with the usual hours of 9 to 10 a.m. on Tuesday mornings. Good Shepherd Food Bank deliveries happen on the first and third Monday of each month at 8:30 a.m. Volunteers are greatly appreciated.

Don't forget the Rabies Clinic this Saturday, Jan. 10 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Fire Station. If you are going to register your dog at that time, be sure to bring proof of spaying or neutering.

Bryant Pond

By Alice Hoyt



Sympathy is extended to the following families: Pam and Tom House on the loss of Pam's father, Connie and Larry Coffin on the loss of Connie's nephew and the family of Muriel Andrews Croteau.

The Woodstock Historical Society will meet on Saturday, Jan. 10 at 6 p.m. at the Woodstock Town Office Complex (weather permitting). Following the business meeting, Mr. John Compton will speak on the origins of military medals. Mr. Compton is a WWII Veteran and currently lives in Oxford. All are welcome to attend.

Judith Griver Tent 17 DUVCW will meet on Monday, Jan. 12 at the home of Alice Hoyt. This will be installation of officers.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School at 9:15, Morning Worship at 10:30, Evening Service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 is Mid-Week Service with Bloom for girls 13 to 18 and Foundations for guys 15 and up at the same time. Remember the teens are collecting cans and bottles for their trip to camp this summer. Jan. 11 at 6 p.m. missionaries Jason and Ita Strout will be preaching. Jan. 20 at 6 p.m. is the annual business meeting.

The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens met at the Woodstock Fire Station on Thursday, Jan. 1 for a meeting, potluck dinner and silent auction. February meeting place to be announced later.

Gilead

By Lin Chapman



We are already a week into 2015. Hopefully, everyone welcomed the new year safely.

My brother, Steve McLain, was as always preparing for the big storm last weekend. He was pleasantly pleased to find only about 4 inches of snow and a little bit of frozen rain.

Lise McLain was the lucky bidder for the winter quilt silent auction sponsored by the Bethel Historical Society. The quilt was made by Linda Clifford. Lise was very pleased, to say the least.

Mary Tyler spent Christmas Day with her brother, Merle Cole, Sr. and family. Then she had the pleasure to spend New Year's Eve with her niece, Brenda Bergeron, and family. They all had a great time being together and there was plenty of good food to be enjoyed by everyone.

Peter and Claudia Risbira stopped by while they were in town for a few days over the New Year's holiday. Claudia's brother and wife were also spending time with them.

Our big exciting news is that while Chris and his fiancée, Kym were here over the holiday vacation, they got married on Dec. 31st. The wedding was held at noon on the Sunday River Covered Bridge in Newry. Chairs provided by Neil Olson's Tent Rental and delivered by Donnie Walker were available for those who felt warm enough to set down instead of remaining standing and moving around for warmth.

A small group of friends and relatives gathered at the bridge to join Chris and Kym while they recited their

wedding vows. We all survived the 18 degree temperature with the help of hot cocoa, hand warmers, warm clothes and the excitement of seeing them get married.

The reception was held afterwards in the Gibson Room at the Bethel Inn. The Bethel Inn did a wonderful job setting up for the reception and many thanks to them, especially Tammy James, Wedding Coordinator.

Louise Rice officiated at the wedding and we congratulated her for being the brave person that she was to stand in the middle of the bridge while performing the ceremony and listening to the vows they had written. The Best Man for the ceremony was Chris' son, Ben Chapman, and the Maid of Honor was Kym's daughter, Mariyah Boss. Sidney Chapman, Chris' niece, was the flower girl and scattered rose petals for the bride.

William Chapman and Ajay Landry were attendants at the entrance to the bridge to assist the guests. Annie Chapman and Sidney Chapman were attendants at the table in the Gibson Room making sure that the guest book was signed.

Family attending the wedding, besides those in the wedding party, were Kym's mom, Sherry Mulholland; Chris' brother and family, Tim Chapman, Michele Croteau, William, Annie and Ajay; Chris' uncle and aunt, Steve and Lise McLain, and of course, Chris' parents, Hugh and Lin Chapman.

Friends attending the wedding were Chris Craig, Jeff and Mel Pierce, Paul Dupuis, Steve and Sue Gormley, and Thom Osbourne. Chris Craig is a high school friend of Chris' and he traveled all the way from the State of Washington to attend the wedding. Most of the other friends attending were from the Bangor area where Chris worked in broadcasting several years ago.

There were some surprise guests at the wedding. Just as we were getting ready, a group of people showed up to look at and take pictures of the bridge. They were from Canada and Massachusetts. Chris invited them to stay so they sat down and joined us. The bridge is always open to the public even if someone has reserved a certain time of day through the Newry Town Office.

The beautiful cake was made by Piece of Cake by Carri McPherson. It was a two layer marble cake with frosting that looked like birch bark. The topper on the cake was not the traditional people dressed as a bride and groom but a Mr. and Mrs. Moose figurine.

Let me say right now that if you ever need a beautiful

cake for any kind of celebration, get hold of Carri! Got any news? Call 836-2987 or email chapmal@hotmail.com

Locke's Mills

By Betsy Foster



Getting close with our new recycling system. Dave Berry has been working on the structure

to house the workers this week. The new compactor is already in place on the slab. When Berry finishes the building, the second compactor (the one we are using now) will be moved to the slab, the connections made, and, hopefully, we'll be all set. Town Manager Kim Sparks said the hope is for the single-stream system to be up and running mid-month. Who knows what reality will dictate.

January fun and food this weekend. There will be a fish chowder dinner and dance to benefit the Greenwood Fire Dept. this Saturday, Jan. 10. Events will take place at the Legion Hall on the Gore Road. The dinner will be from 4 to 6 p.m. followed by the dance with the Shadagee Ramblers from 6 to 9 p.m.

People are out ice fishing now. I asked several local ice fishermen what they found for thickness, and they said 5 inches or so. Another person said it was as thin as 3" in spots. No matter what time of winter it is, the ice varies greatly in thickness. This is due to what is happening under the ice: currents, springs, water depth, underwater vegetation and even resident schools of fish can cause thin areas.

Over the past week the year has changed, the snow has returned, and it is plenty cold. Sounds like January.

I was talking with a friend recently, and he mentioned remembering years back when his father would bring the car battery into the house on the bitter cold nights of January. That was an instant trip back in time because I recalled the same thing. The theory was that if the battery was warm, the car might start easier. I was too young in those days to pay much attention to whether or not it worked, but it was a ritual that told me it was going to be darned cold that night. Glad technology has more or less eliminated the need for that task around here.

And the annual ritual of the seed catalogs is here. The first couple showed up Jan. 2, and I began planting the January-garden-of-the-mind. If you are a gardener, you likely know about that. If not, that imaginary garden has at least eight vari-

eties of tomatoes, huge eggplants, row-upon-row of Green Mountain potatoes, and melons galore. None has any relevance to reality. My acidic soil with low sun begrudgingly yields lettuce and green beans. That's the reality garden, but the January-garden-of-the-mind is so much more bountiful and diverse. And I don't need to weed or water it. Please send news to 3taich@gmail.com.

Newry

By Doug Webster



Happy New Year to all of Newry and to all who read this. 2015 (as I write this) seems to be off

to a wintry start. The wind is howling and the temperatures are dropping. Lucky for the masses, heating oil prices are down because the whole week we are supposed to be in the grip of an arctic cold front. This is the time of year when you find out where the "pneumonia holes" are in your house. It's good to find drafty cracks and leaks around doors and windows. If you haven't noticed them yet, you will this week.

Bob and Laura Lowell of Newry said they are proud of both of their kids, Vicki, a senior at St. Joseph's College, and Eric, a freshman at Husson. They were both on Honor Roll last semester. Congratulations!

The next School Withdrawal Committee meeting will be on Wednesday, Jan. 14, at 5 p.m. Please go to the meetings and find out what the latest updates are. The Cemetery Committee will meet on Monday, Jan. 12, at 5 p.m.

News from the Town Office: Dog licenses are due by Jan. 31, 2015. Please get in to the Town Office to license your dog(s) before then to avoid the \$25 late fee that starts on Feb. 1. The Mexico Town Office is having a rabies clinic on Jan. 24 from 2 to 4 p.m. Cost is \$16 per dog, cash only.

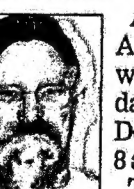
The Town Office will be open on Friday, Jan. 16. The 16th is the last day that candidates for Selectboard and School Board can turn in their nomination papers. So far, two people have taken out papers for Selectboard: Incumbent Brooks Morton and challenger Jim Largess. The School Board also has two citizens to vote for. Current members are both running for re-election: Bonnie Largess and Whitney Gray.

The Town Office is looking for a cemetery sexton. If you are interested, please call the Town Office at 824-3123. Also, the Town Office will be closed for Martin Luther King Day on Monday, Jan. 19.

As always, please send me your news, especially if you do not like mine, dwebster@megalink.net.

Upton

By Joe Bernier



At last! Ladies Aid breakfasts will begin Sunday, Jan. 11. Doors open at 8 a.m.

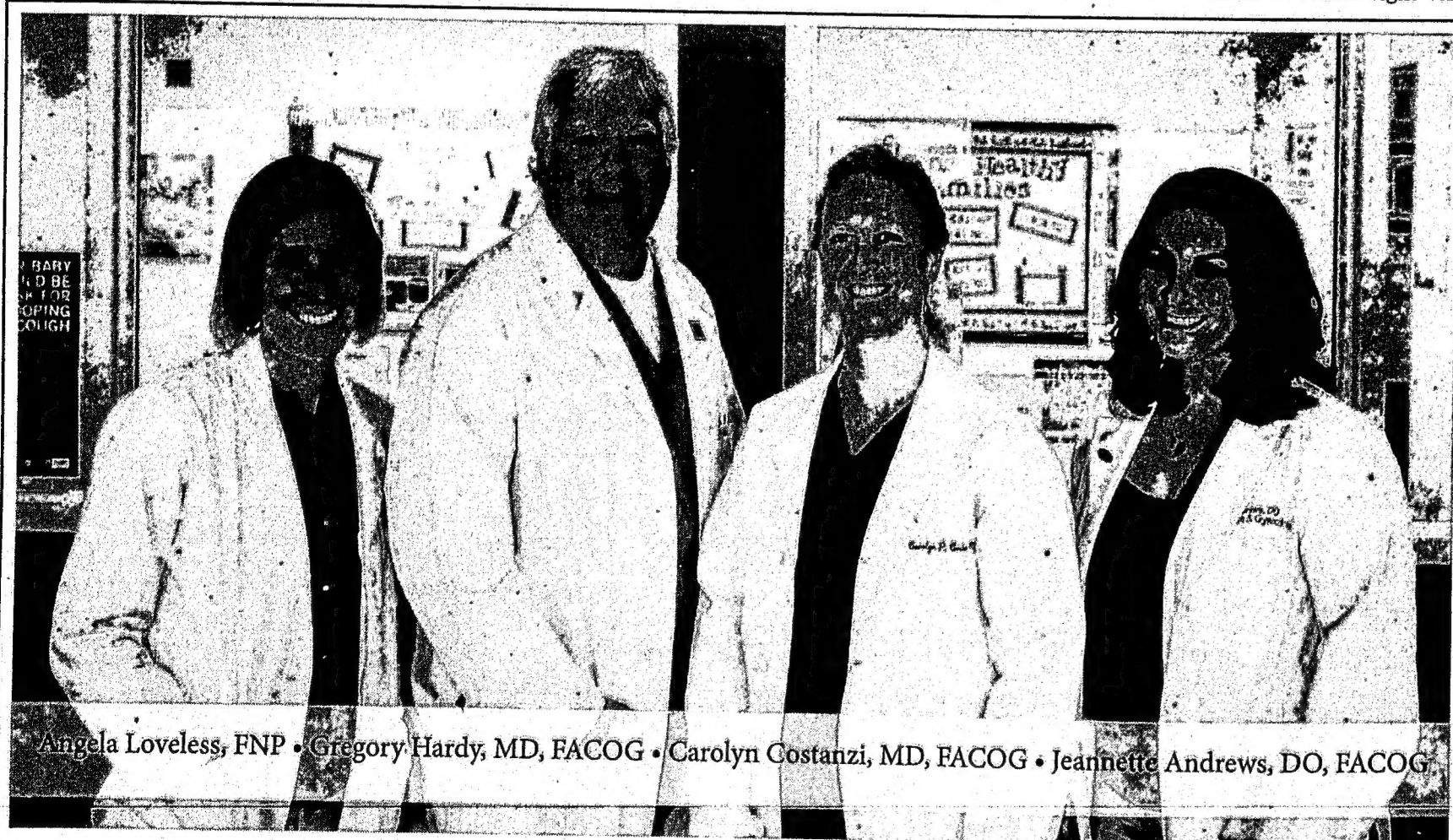
The State Line Snow Mobile Club will have a meeting Saturday, Jan. 17, 9 a.m. in the Upton House.

Friends and relatives from as close as 55 Back Street and as far away as Hampton N.H. visited us during the four day New Year's weekend. We had up to seven overnight guests and at times there were thirteen of us at the supper table. We had a bonfire New Year's Day Eve and the moonlight was bright enough to let "kids" from 16 years old to 60+ years young to slide in the fields on the crust. There were no serious crashes and no runner sleds were hurt during the making of the movie.

The weather forecast on the national news predicted as much as a foot of snow for Saturday into Sunday. The local news was more conservative. They said six to eight inches. We received, at most, three inches of snow. Cheat again! Sooner or later, maybe they will guess it correctly. Dance on!

Tuesday, Jan. 13, the Upton selectmen will have their first meeting of 2015. They will meet at 7 p.m. at the town office.

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The Maine Frontier is a sensory rich performance featuring photography, film, oral histories, sound design, and live music by Sumner McKane that will be presented by the Mahoosuc Arts Council for students and the public at two western Maine Theaters Jan. 12 and 13.

On Jan. 12 in the Androscoggin Theater of the LePage Arts Center, Hebron Academy, 339 Paris Road, Hebron, the film will screen

at 7 p.m. The next night, there will be a repeat performance at also at 7 p.m. at the Bingham Auditorium, Gould Academy, 45 Church Street, Bethel. On Jan. 14, students of the Telstar Regional Schools will be presented two assemblies with this award winning composer, musician and filmmaker.

In a custom made wagon that he towed behind his horse, Isaac Simpson kept his tools for blacksmithing,

mechanics, carpentry and hair cutting; he also fit his handmade violin, woolens to sell which were knit by his wife Effie, and he always fit his large box camera and glass-plate negatives.

Isaac traveled throughout northern Maine doing blacksmith and mechanics work in logging camps and farms. His skills brought him through the far reaches of the Maine frontier at the turn-of-the-century, and were the means to help support his family of 13

children. Everywhere Isaac traveled he would take photographs of the families and workers who worked in the camps and farms. By extensively photographing everything and everyone he came in contact with, he created a quintessential social history of northern Maine at a pivotal time.

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ries and a compelling musical soundtrack. The Maine Frontier is an illustration of family, work, community and culture in northern Maine at the turn-of-the-century, exemplified via Isaac Simpson's extensive photographic collection of logging camps, farms, "Shack Hill and "Little Italy" in Millinocket, railroad tie camps, shoe-last camps, and of the pioneering families who sustained a life on the Maine Frontier. Employing Isaac Simpson's exemplifying photographs, The Maine Frontier investigates the unique geographical circumstances

of a pioneering people in a region virtually disconnected from the rest of the state and country. As a "Docu-Exhibit," Sumner McKane's The Maine Frontier combines the projection of archived film and photography with authentic sound design, oral histories, and a live musical soundtrack to tell this historical story via an innovative live presentation.

FMI: Contact the Mahoosuc Arts Council through the website: www.mahoosucarts.org, e-mail: info@mahoosucarts.org or by calling Director Aranka Matolcsy at 207-824-3575.

OCSD Patrol Log

Monday, Dec. 29

At 5:35 p.m. deputies did a vehicle stop on Route 26 in Greenwood. The driver was given a citation for possession of a usable amount of marijuana.

At 10:32 p.m. deputies responded to Main Street in Hanover for a car-tree accident with injuries. A subject was transported for evaluation.

Tuesday, Dec. 30

At 7:37 p.m. Deputy Willie Nelson responded to a single vehicle crash on the Intervale Road in Bethel. The driver was arrested, and also evaluated by Bethel Rescue.

At 7:57 a.m. a Woodstock resident reported a young male subject had tried to break into a home by kicking the front door in. The owner and dogs were inside and scared him away. Sgt. Tim Holland was assigned.

Thursday, Jan. 1

At 8:32 a.m. Deputy Andy Whitney spoke with two parties regarding trespassing/property dispute in Mason Township. One was given a verbal trespass warning.

Friday, Jan. 2

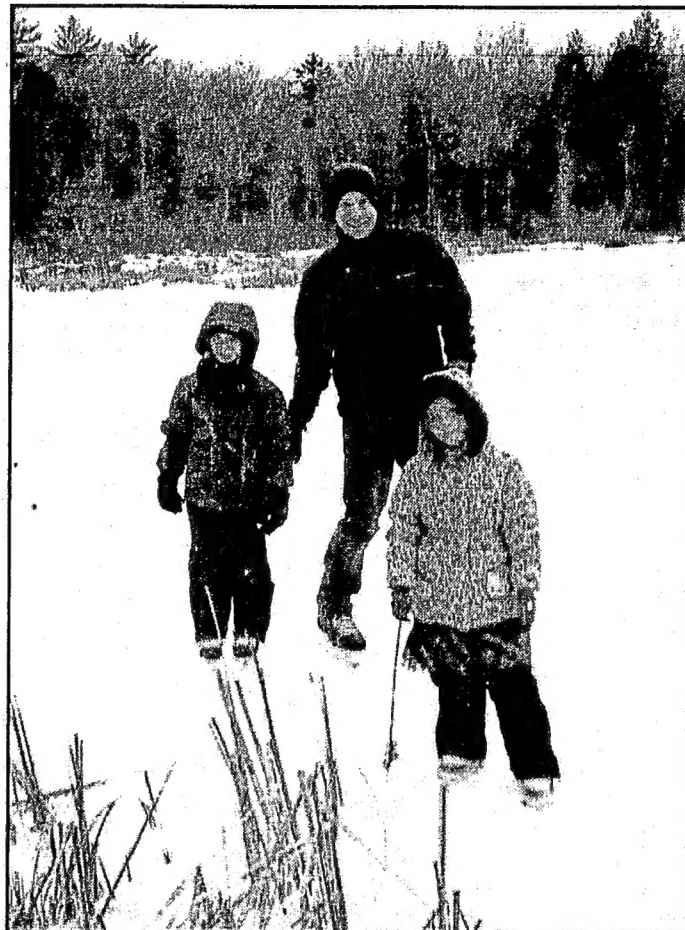
At 10:17 a.m. Sgt. Tim Ontengco responded to the Vernon Street end of Rabbit Road in Greenwood for a disabled vehicle. It was learned the driver was trying to get to Mt. Abram and had followed his GPS onto Rabbit Road, getting stuck.

Sunday, Jan. 4

At 2:32 a.m. Deputy Steve Witham investigated a suspicious vehicle behind a business on Mayville Road in Bethel. A subject was taken into custody for unauthorized use of property, violation of conditions of release, and was charged with possession of a usable amount of marijuana. He also had two outstanding warrants for arrest.

Monday, Jan. 5

At 1:12 p.m. a report was received that a tree limb had fallen on a pickup truck on the Sunday River Road in Bethel while it was in motion. Deputy Andy Whitney responded.



Mason and Bailey Shattenberg, with their dad, Tobey, enjoyed skating on the smooth ice of North Pond in Woodstock before last weekend's snowstorm covered it.

A. Chapman

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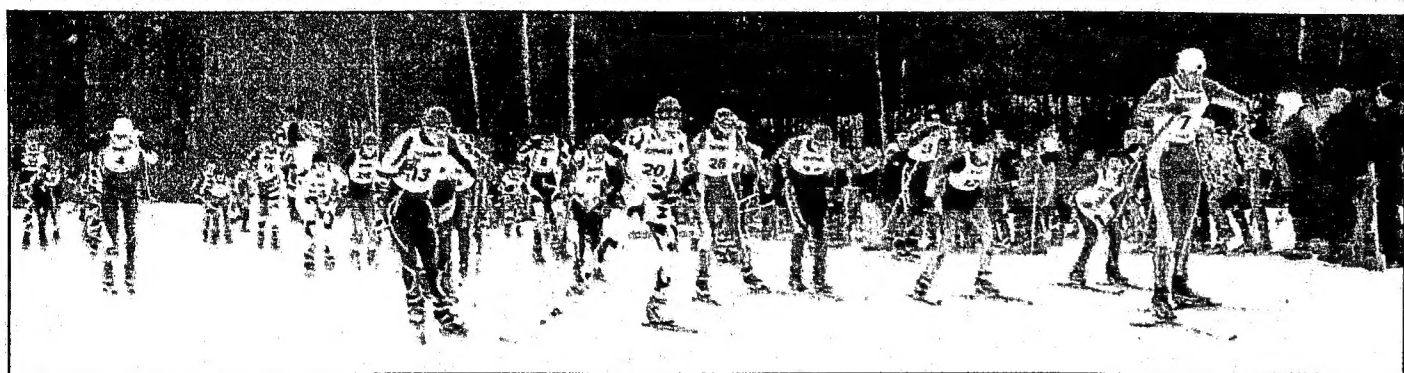
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TELSTAR AND GOULD HIT THE TRAILS The Telstar Relays attracted teams from some 20 schools Saturday, in a competition that took place at Gould's Pinehill course. Top left, Telstar's Kellen True takes off for his race leg after getting the tag from Gabi Stone (the team, also including Liam Gallagher and Carla Boyle-Wight, placed 11th). Top right, Rose Goldberg finishes the last leg for her team (ninth place, with Max Southam, Marcus Wentworth and Stephen Nicols). Middle, the start of the first race. Bottom, members of the Telstar and Gould teams recently participated in the Billy Chenard Opener at Sugarloaf. Bethel skiers made it into the top ten in both the girls' and boys' races. Telstar's Carla Boyle-Wight was third in the girls' race and Gould's Ben Alford was 10th in the boys' race. Pictured are, front (from left): Livy Clarke, Eli Shifrin, Lilo Bean, Mia Shifrin, Ani Inman, Gabi Stone and Sarah Southam. Back: Steph Nichols, Ben Alford, Duncan Forbes, Alec Fowles, Greg Wheeler, Kellen True, Gaalen Boyle-Wight, Marta Opie, Carla Boyle-Wight, Brad Clarke, and Wade Kavanaugh. (Photos: top, A. Aloisio; bottom two, submitted)



School Lunch Menu

SAD 44 School Lunch, Jan. 8 to 16

Elementary Schools

Thursday: American Chop Suey and roll or Sun Butter and jelly sandwich, green beans, fruit and salad bar.

Friday: Pizza choices or Sun Butter and Fluff sandwich, salad, juice, fruit and salad bar.

Monday: Pancakes, sausage and potato puffs or Sun Butter and jelly sandwich, fruit and salad bar.

Tuesday: Super nachos or Sun Butter and jelly sandwich, corn, green beans, fruit and salad bar.

Wednesday: Italian sandwich or Sun Butter and jelly sandwich, peach cup, graham crackers, fruit and salad bar.

Thursday: Chicken and gravy with mashed potato or Sun Butter and jelly, biscuit, carrots, cranberry sauce, fruit and salad bar.

Friday: Maxx cheese sticks or Sun Butter and Fluff sandwich, steamed broccoli, kids' snack, fruit and salad bar.

Telstar

Thursday: Homemade American chop suey, dinner roll, green beans, chilled peaches.

Friday: Cook's Choice, tossed salad, orange wedges.

Monday: Make Your Own Rice Bar, applesauce.

Tuesday: Super nachos with cheese and salsa, corn, chilled pineapple.

Wednesday: Cook's choice, celery sticks, peach cup, graham crackers.

Thursday: Chicken and gravy over mashed potato, biscuit, honeyed carrots, cranberry sauce.

Friday: Maxx sticks with dipping sauce, steamed broccoli, kids snack mix, fruit choices.

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Sports

LBI on top in MVRBL
 Laid Back Installers took over sole possession of first place this with a strong 73-61 victory over defending champs, Ranor Mechanical. LBI (5-0) were the pace setters from the start with a smothering defense and an effective fast break offense. Ranor was flat from the beginning and played from behind throughout. They were, however, somewhat shorthanded with one starter out and one unavailable until midway through the first half. LBI was led by Jon Benjamin with 19 points followed by Owen Jones with 15 and Eric Canwell with 13, although three other players notched 9 each. Ranor (4-1) got 17 from Shawn Spadea, Nick Carson was next with 16 and Steve Lambert 11. In another game, Archie's and The Matterhorn slugged it out with Archie's (2-2) eking out a slim 56-55 victory. They were paced by 24 points from Cody St. Germain, while Whitey Moulton contributed 13. The Matterhorn (2-2) saw Kindall Bosnell get 17 points, while Spencer Glover helped with 10. Finally, Jay bested Neptune, 70-57. Jay (1-3), had Dave St. Germain net 23 points and Nick Weeks assisted with 11. Neptune's lone double digit scorer was Jessie Cross with 13 points. Bethel (1-3) was off this past week. Next week Ranor draws a bye, while Neptune takes on Archie's at 10 a.m., LBI and The Matterhorn play at 11:30 and then Bethel and Jay finish at 1 p.m.

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BY TOM REMINGTON

Deer hunting season has come and gone. For most, deer hunting season was uneventful, in terms of bagging a deer. Harvest data is not available and if all goes as normal, at the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (MDIFW), none of us will know the deer harvest results until probably near April – advanced technology I guess.

I made my annual trek north for the first week of deer hunting season at Hunting Camp. If boots on the ground evidence of that first week is any real indication of the condition of Maine's deer herd, it is far from "recovered," as some at MDIFW stated heading into this year's season. I can't attest to deer conditions statewide but around Hunting Camp, it's not great. I've been hearing some clatter that the deer harvest probably won't reach forecast numbers; a forecast still considerably shy of normal.

Around six of us spent the entire week at camp and other than a rare "wave" goodbye from a big white tail, no deer were bagged and no shots taken. I guess the highlight of the week would be roasting hot dogs on top of Peabody Mountain. One day I spotted a chick-a-dee. I got excited! Bird fever?

Hunting Camp was so full of hunting excitement, I'm actually going to write about the bear hunting referendum. Maine voters, once again, told the radical Humane Society of the United States they didn't want them telling the citizens what to do. Personally, I think the right decision was made and I would like to see the MDIFW decision makers find ways of increasing the bear harvest for a few reasons. Two obvious reasons deal with what I believe to be too large a population of bears overall and the result of which has contributed to a reduced "recruitment" rate of deer fawns living long enough to make it into the next spring.

To maintain a deer herd, there must be the same "recruitment" to replace the total mortality. MDIFW attempts to control deer populations within Deer Management Areas with the utilization of "Any-Deer Permits." Western Maine has seen reductions in Any-Deer Permits but those reductions don't seem to be getting the job done in some areas.

On a related note, I have been quite vocal over the years about Maine needing to consider an amendment to their constitution that will guarantee citizens the right to hunt, fish and trap. Such an amendment would not prohibit the right of the people to petition. Of most importance it would clearly define what it is the Maine people want and expect with their game management.

With lawsuits thrust upon Maine people in 2004 and again this year, and both resulting in successful retention of support for how black bears are managed, and costing lots of money, perhaps now is the time to

cash in on some of the political leverage earned in this referendum to send a very clear message that Maine enjoys a hunting, fishing and trapping heritage and would like to keep it that way.

The North American Model for Wildlife Management has an extremely successful track record that has provided for healthy populations of all wildlife. Maine's wildlife department essentially follows that model and should continue to do so. With too many animal rights and environmental groups trying to "create new knowledge" and change the way we approach wildlife management, it seems irresponsible to drastically change what's proven effective and replace it with romantic idealism that cannot be supported with real science.

Please feel free to visit my website at tomremington.com to read other interesting articles on the outdoors. And watch for my new book, "Wolf: What's to Misunderstand?"

MLT Backyard Series: 'This is Your Climate Challenge'

The Mahoosuc Land Trust will launch its 2015 Speaker Series, "This Is Your Backyard," with a presentation by Dr. Stephen Mulkey entitled "This Is Your Climate Challenge." Dr. Mulkey, President of Unity College, will speak at McLaughlin Auditorium on the Gould Academy campus at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 21, with a snow date of Feb. 4.

Unity's academic programs are designed around a commitment to sustainability and its campus boasts two super-efficient "passive" buildings. The board of Unity College voted in 2012 to become the first college in the nation to divest of fossil fuels. Dr. Mulkey has written, "There is nothing, absolutely nothing, more important than establishing a sustainable future for our children." With this conviction in mind he will discuss conservation in the context of climate change, as well as how fossil fuel divestment can help lead us to a safer and healthier future.

Prior to joining Unity in 2011, Dr. Mulkey was at the University of Idaho, where he developed a new graduate program in Environmental Science and led a statewide initiative in climate change education. Trained as a biologist, he is an expert in tropical forest ecology, author of Tropical Forest Plant Ecophysiology, and a co-founder of the International Center for Tropical Ecology.

Future topics in the speaker series will include "These are Your Windmills," "These are Your Farmers," "These are Your Forests" and "Your Backyard Dreams Get Real."

The Mahoosuc Land Trust is an accredited community land trust encouraging public interest in conservation in central Oxford County and eastern Coos County, N.H., supporting a balance of growth and conservation and emphasizing sustainable and traditional land uses. For more information, visit www.mahoosuc.org or call 207-824-3806.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Jan. 8 and 9

Red Bull Frozen Rush; The biggest, fastest event to ever hit Sunday River. Red Bull Frozen Rush will once again redefine snow sports by bringing the world's only head-to-head on-snow truck race to Sunday River for the second year in a row. The world's best drivers will race on the slopes of South Ridge in 900-horsepower Frozen Rush Pro4 trucks on a custom-designed course that features berms, an over-under jump, huge dual gap jump and an enormous drift turn that will see both trucks entering together.

Friday, Jan. 9

Alder River Grange Supper/Meeting; 6 p.m. supper, meeting at 7, Stan Howe's home on Broad Street, Bethel. Weather permitting.

Fireworks Display; 8:30 p.m., South Ridge Lodge/Foggy Goggle, Sunday River.

Saturday, Jan. 10

Annual Sno-Bash with WCYY, the Q, WHOM and WBLM; Mt. Abram. A day-long, family-friendly ski party. CPR/First Aid Courses; CPR 8 a.m. to noon \$30, First Aid 1 to 4 p.m. \$25, sign up for both courses for \$50. Crescent Park School. Instructor: Haley Tripp, R.N.

Oxford County Gem and Mineral Assn. Open House; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Franklin Grange, Bryant Pond. There will be people there to identify and appraise minerals and rocks. There will be some jewelry and other things for sale. FMI: 665-2607 or 665-2759.

Oxford Hills Honey Bee Club Meeting; 1 p.m., Oxford County Extension Center, 9 Olson Road, South Paris. Speaker: Commercial Bee Keeper Tony Bachelder. Topic: Feeding bees in the winter, and ordering nucs. There will be a brief meeting for nominations and election of officers. Public's welcome. FMI: Kevin Farr (farrout@roadrunner.com).

Rabies Clinic; 2 to 4 p.m., Andover Fire Station. \$15, cash only.

Woodstock Historical Society Meeting; 6 p.m., Woodstock Town Office complex (weather permitting). Following the business meeting, Mr. John Compton will speak on the origins of military medals. Mr. Compton is a WWII veteran currently living in Oxford. All are welcome to attend.

Live Music with A Mighty Lion; 6 to 9 p.m., Black Mountain Ski Resort, Rumford. A Maine based four piece rock-reggae band with a rapidly growing following. With their infectious and fiendishly catchy grooves and a trademark sound... this is one not to miss!

Jones Dance Band; 7 to 10 p.m., Legion Hall, Church Street, South Paris. Adults/\$5. Playing old-fashioned dance music.

Sunday, Jan. 11

"The Growth of Generosity" Service; 9 a.m., First Universalist Church of West Paris. Maryli Tiemann will lead a service on generosity and how experiences shape interaction with life's challenges.

Oxford County Dems Potluck Lunch/Meeting; 12:30 p.m., Crescent Park School. Lunch and social time begin at 12:30 with the meeting at 1:30. Please bring a dish to share as well as a donation for the local food pantry. FMI: www.oxforddems.org or Cathy Newell (875-2116).

Monday, Jan. 12

Distribution Day at Bethel Food Pantry; 12 noon to 8 p.m. at the side Park St. side entrance of the Park St. Nazarene Church on Church St. in Bethel. Everyone who comes for help will need to fill out a new financial need form and bring an ID. The information is private and will be safe guarded.

Essentials of College Planning for adults 19 and over; 10 a.m., Western Maine University and Community College Center, South Paris. FMI/Registration: 1-800-281-3703 or <http://meoc.maine.edu>. Free and open to the public.

"The Maine Frontier" Screening; 7 p.m., LePage Arts Center, Hebron Academy. The Maine Frontier is a sensory rich performance featuring photography, film, oral histories, sound design, and live music by Sumner McKane. FMI: www.mahoosucarts.org, info@mahoosucarts.org or Aranka Matolcsy (824-3575).

Tuesday, Jan. 13

"The Maine Frontier" Screening; 7 p.m., Bingham Auditorium, Gould Academy. The Maine Frontier is a sensory rich performance featuring photography, film, oral histories, sound design, and live music by Sumner McKane. FMI: www.mahoosucarts.org, info@mahoosucarts.org or Aranka Matolcsy (824-3575).

Wednesday, Jan. 14

Bethel Senior Citizens Luncheon (Rescheduled from Dec. 10); 11 a.m., the Bethel Inn. Menu: Turkey or had-dock. Reservations must be made before Jan. 1 by calling Arlene Lowell at 824-2877 with your choice.

Saturday, Jan. 17

Maine Ski Museum Skee Spree; Sunday River's White Cap Lodge. 12 to 4:30 p.m., Ski memorabilia display; 2 to 3, Fireside chat "Down-Mountain and Cross-Country: 145 Years of Skiing in Maine;" 4 to 6:30, Reception; 4 to 5:30, Live and Silent Auctions. FMI: www.skimuseumofmaine.org.

Live Music with Brad Hooper; 2 to 5 p.m., Black Mountain Ski Resort, Rumford. Hooper's vocal quality often has him pegged as a "blues man," but his content spans many genres making it difficult to pigeonhole the guy. Americana, roots, blues, folk, you'll have to decide for yourself.

Jones Dance Band; 7 to 10 p.m., Legion Hall, Church Street, South Paris. Adults/\$5. Playing old-fashioned dance music.

Tina Kelly Band; 8 to 11:30 p.m., Loose Boots Lounge, Mt. Abram.

Sunday, Jan. 18

WES PTA Longaberger Basket Bingo; Locke's Mills Legion Hall. Doors open at 11 a.m., first game at 1 p.m. \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door for 18 games. Tickets available at the Woodstock Elementary School. Door prizes, raffles, lunch options available. FMI: 665-2228 or 890-2812.

Winter Inspired Community Event and food Drive; Mt. Abram. Bring in 5 non-perishable foods and receive \$5 off a lift ticket. After skiing, stay for the family event from 4 to 6 p.m. where children (accompanied by a parent) can take part in winter-themed craft-making that will be used to decorate the lodge.

"The Social Gospel" Service; 9 a.m., First Universalist Church of West Paris. Rev. Fayre Stephenson will lead a service reflecting on Universalist roots and remembering Universalist theologian, Clarence Skinner.

Tuesday, Jan. 20

SCORE Constant Contact Workshop; 6 to 7:30 p.m., Norway Town Office, 19 Danforth Street, Norway. "Email and Social Media Marketing with Constant Contact" is a FREE program designed to give small businesses and nonprofits some simple ideas to grow their customer, prospect or member network. Registration must be received by Friday, Jan. 16. FMI/Registration: Rebecca Dowse (743-0499 or dowse@roadrunner.com) or <http://conta.cc/1wvZZQK>.

Wednesday, Jan. 21

SeniorsPlus; 1 to 4 p.m., Norway Town Hall. Representatives from SeniorsPlus, the Area Agency on Aging, will be on hand to answer any questions or concerns you may have. Free and open to the public. FMI/appointments: 1-800-427-1241.

MLT "This is Your Backyard" Series; 7 p.m., McLaughlin Auditorium, Gould Academy. Dr. Stephen Mulkey, president of Unity College, presents "This is Your Climate Change." Snow date, Feb. 4. FMI: www.mahoosuc.org or 824-3806.

Thursday, Jan. 22

SCORE Roundtable; 8 to 9 a.m., Norway Town Office, 19 Danforth Street, Norway. "Managing Employees – Best Practices" will be presented by Erika Douglass, Director of HR at Maine Machine Products Co. and Hoppe Technologies. Coffee will be available at 7:45. FMI/Registration: Gerry Nelson (743-0499 or Gerry.nelson@scorevolunteer.org) or <http://conta.cc/1An6IZ5>.

Friday, Jan. 23

Après Ski Music with Jim Tasse; 3:30 to 6 p.m., Loose Boots Lounge, Mt. Abram.

Hope Assn. Winter Dance; 6 to 8 p.m., 85 Lincoln Avenue, Rumford. Featuring Joe "The Music Man" Siros. Open to the public. Refreshments will be available. Donations to benefit the Hope Association welcome.

New West Guitar Group; 7:30 p.m., Medallion Opera House, 20 Park Street Gorham, N.H. Tickets: \$12. FMI: www.medallionoperahouse.org.

Saturday, Jan. 24

Live Music with Ralph Arsenault; 2 to 5 p.m. Black Mountain Ski Resort, Rumford. A multi-talented musician, Ralph never disappoints an audience with his solo acoustic performances. FMI: <http://www.ralpharsenault.com/>.

Public Supper, Stuffed Pork Roast; 4:30 to 6 p.m., VFW Post 9787, Lower Main Street, South Paris. Adults/\$8, Kids/\$4.

Live Music with Skosh; 6 to 9 p.m., Black Mountain Ski Resort, Rumford. Influenced by the likes of Lynyrd Skynyrd, Pink Floyd, Grateful Dead, J. Geils, & Phish, this 5 piece rock, funk, Ska band is sure to rock your ski socks off!

Jones Dance Band; 7 to 10 p.m., Legion Hall, Church Street, South Paris. Adults/\$5. Playing old-fashioned dance music.

Sunday, Jan. 25

"That all Souls..." Service; 9 a.m., First Universalist Church of West Paris. Joan Beal will lead a service on justice and the UU guiding principle of living so that "all souls may grow into harmony with the divine."

Monday, Jan. 26

Essentials of College Planning for adults 19 and over; 10 a.m., Western Maine University and Community College Center, South Paris. FMI/Registration: 1-800-281-3703 or <http://meoc.maine.edu>. Free and open to the public.

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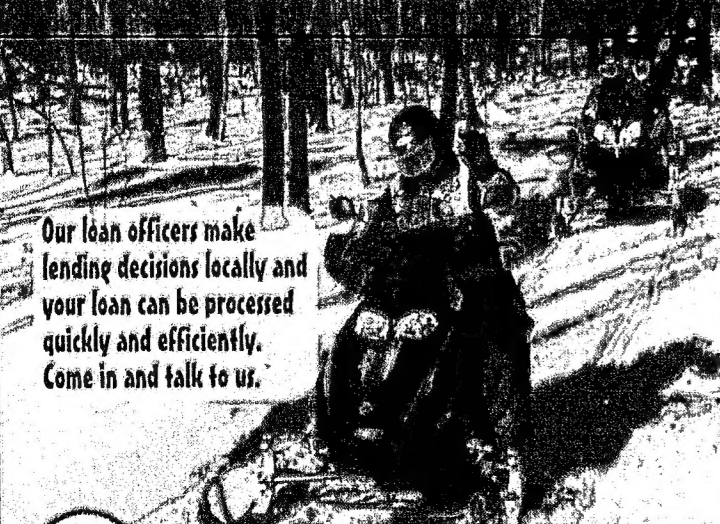
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Lake retires from Air Force



Retiring Air Force Sgt. Brent Lake (right) receives a gift from his commanding Officer and crew. Submitted photo

2005 to complete his third deployment to Tallil AB Iraq in support of Operation IRAQI

FREEDOM. Shortly after returning to Mildenhall, he became the assistant NCOIC

of the Vehicle Maintenance Blue Team.

In January 2007, he deployed to Al Al Salem AB, Kuwait, to complete his fourth and final deployment where he became the NCOIC of Vehicle Maintenance night shift. Once back at Mildenhall, he was placed in the Vehicle Maintenance Customer Service Center where after several months he was appointed as the NCOIC. In March 2009, TSgt Lake went to Fort Hood to become NCOIC of Vehicle Maintenance at the 712th Air Support Operations Squadron. He was moved in August 2013 to the 3d Air Support Operations Group to take over his current position as the Vehicle Fleet Manager.

Technical Sergeant Lake's decorations include the Air Force Commendation Medal, AF Outstanding Unit Award with four oak leaf clusters, AF Good Conduct Medal with four oak leaf clusters, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, AF Overseas Ribbon Short, AF Overseas Ribbon Long, AF Longevity Service with three oak leaf clusters, USAF NCO PME Graduate Ribbon with one oak leaf cluster and AF Training Ribbon.

Technical Sergeant Lake is married to the former Chastity Ann Marie Soto of Sunray, Texas, and they have four children, Hayden 11, Hunter 10, Aaron 8 and Hailey 6.

Technical Sergeant Brent A. Lake recently retired from the U.S. Air Force. He was the Vehicle Fleet Manager of the 3d Air Support Operations Group, Fort Hood Army Installation, Texas.

Lake graduated from Telstar Regional High School in 1998 and enlisted in the United States Air Force on Sept. 9, 1998. After basic training, TSgt Lake attended Special Purpose Vehicle & Equipment Maintenance technical school in Port Hueneme, Calif. After graduating tech school, TSgt Lake was assigned to the 96th Transportation Squadron where he worked as a Special Purpose Vehicle Maintenance mechanic. Over the next several years he would inspect, ser-

vise, troubleshoot and repair Eglin's heavy equipment vehicle fleet, during which he would experience his first deployment in March 2002 to Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar, in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM.

In 2002, TSgt Lake witnessed the restructure and change of the 96th Transportation Squadron into the 96th Logistics Readiness Squadron. He would complete a second deployment in March 2003 to Tabuk, Saudi Arabia then forward deploy to Al Dhafra United Arab Emirates in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM. In March 2005, he was reassigned to the 100th Logistics Readiness Squadron RAF Mildenhall, England, where he would deploy from in May

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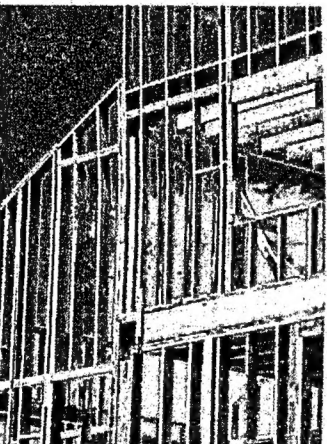
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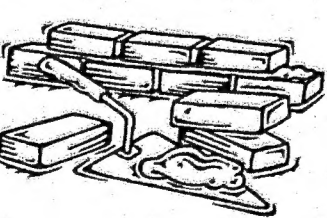


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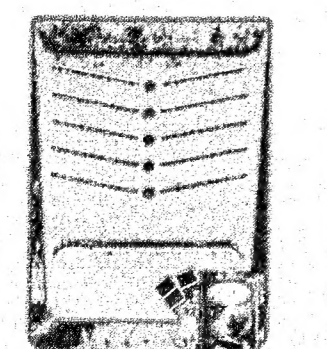
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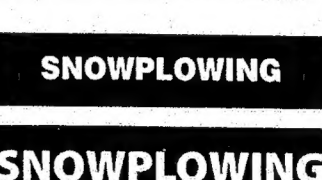
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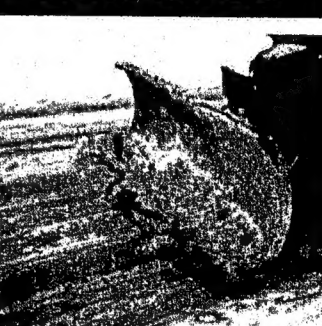
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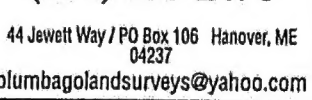


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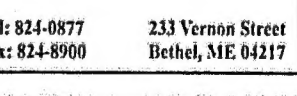
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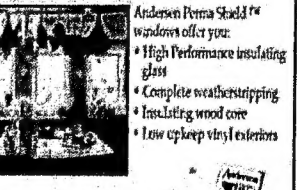
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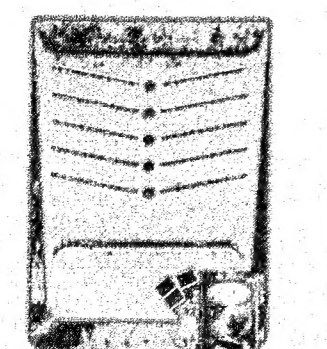
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Puzzles4Kids

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CRISSCROSS - "CH" WORDS

Each word will fit into one spot in the grid. Use the starting letters as a guide and fit each word into its spot. All words will be used, so cross off each one after you put it into the grid.

4 Letters

ACHE
ECHO
INCH
OUCH

5 Letters

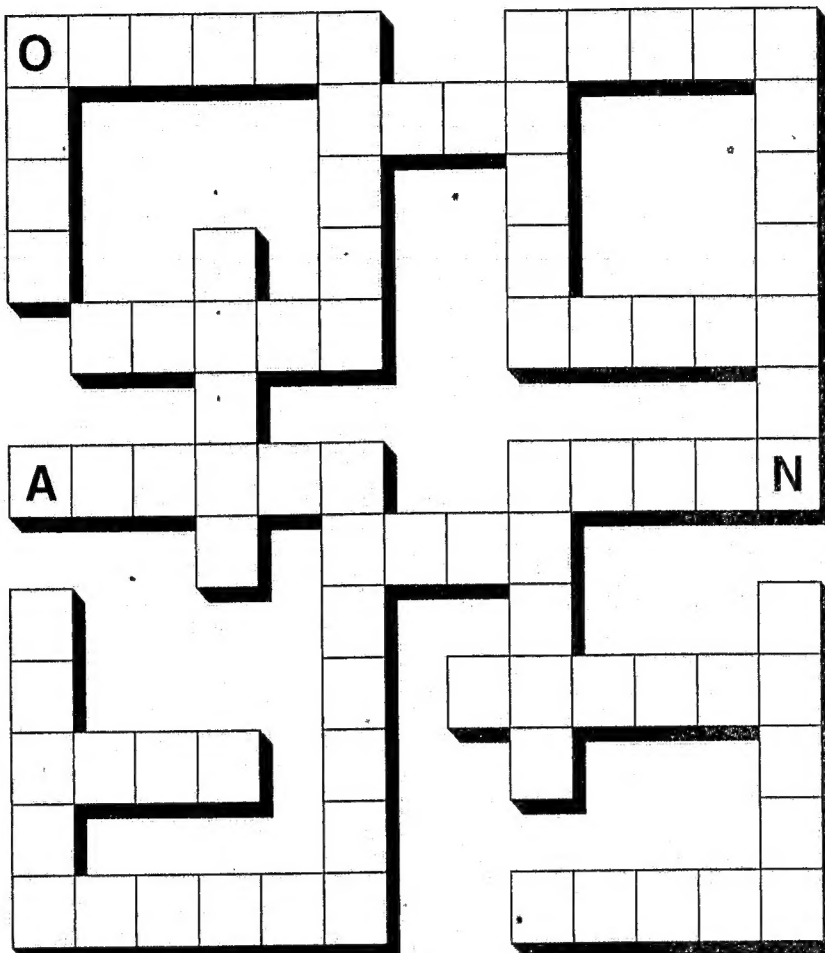
CHAIN
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6 Letters

ANCHOR
ETCHED
ORCHID
SCORCH

7 Letters

KITCHEN
REACHED



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Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Calm
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Entire
LOTTA

Scold
TREEBA

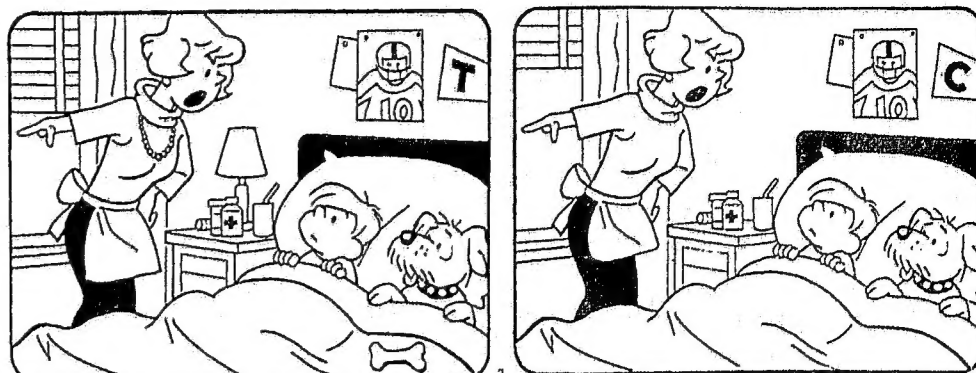
Purge
ENLACES

TODAY'S WORD

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Blind is raised. 2. Beads are missing. 3. Apron is smaller. 4. Lamp is raised. 5. Letter on banner is missing. 6. Dog's bone is missing.

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: R equals H

CYKZAVY RLV F-CUJYV QUF

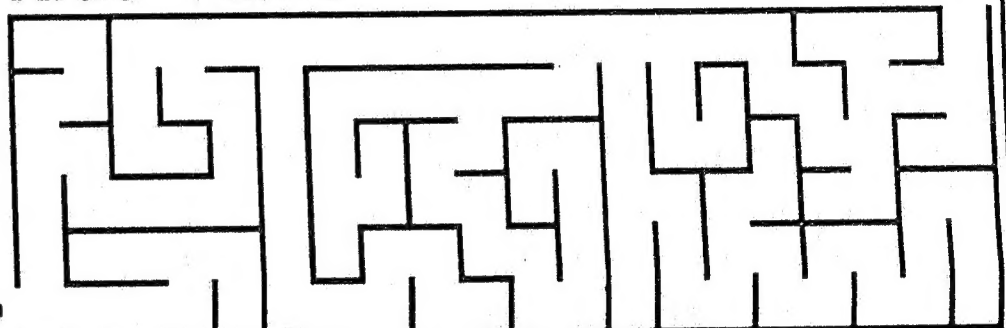
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Kids' Maze

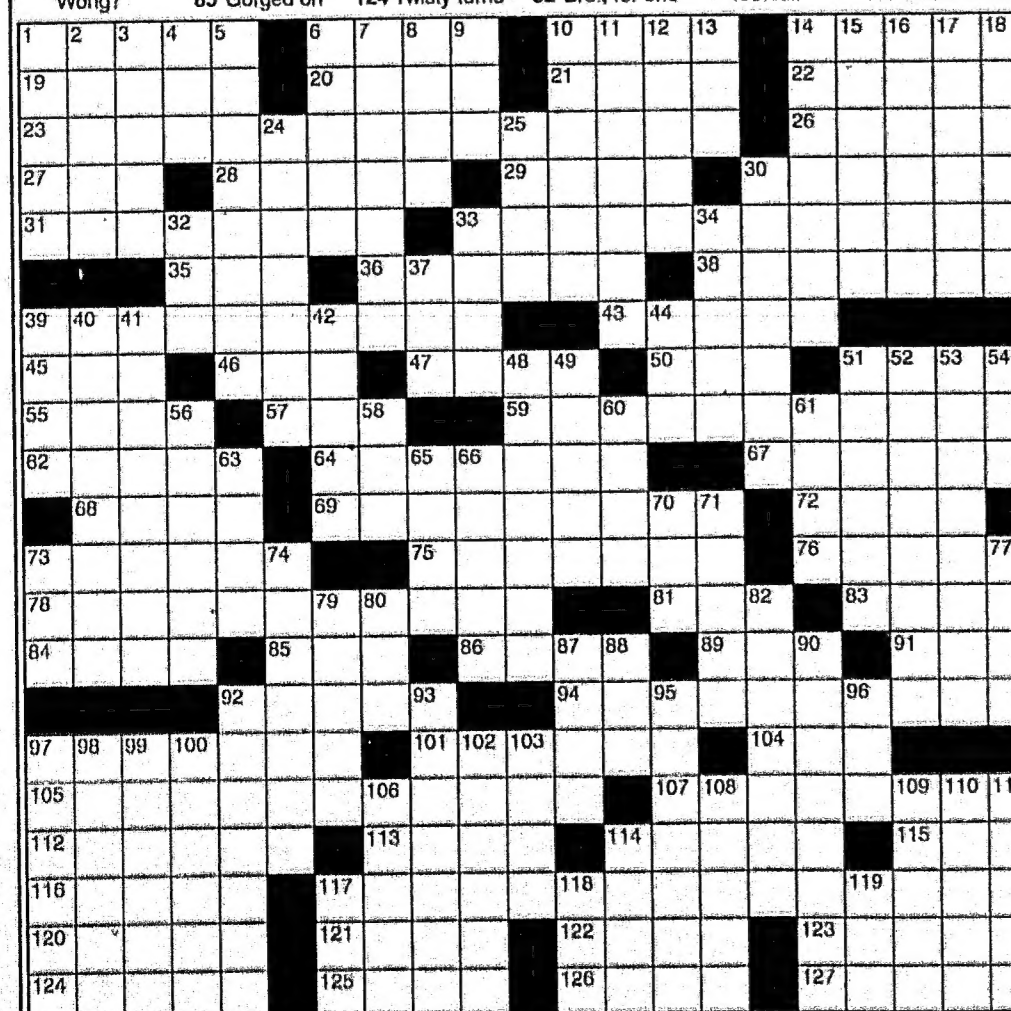


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Super Crossword

INITIAL WORKS

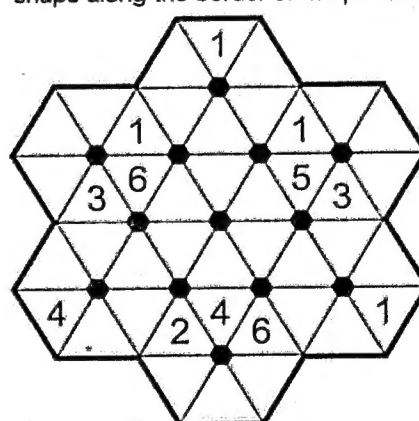
- ACROSS**
- 1 Japanese verse
 - 6 Milky white gem
 - 10 Memo opening
 - 14 "Eight is Enough" actor Willie
 - 19 Game show announcer
 - 20 Novelist Victor
 - 21 Have a bawl
 - 22 Freshly firm
 - 23 Comedy that should have starred W.C. Fields?
 - 26 Big town, in Italian
 - 27 Sorority "T"
 - 28 With 103-Down, parked it, so to speak
 - 29 Televises
 - 30 Ejection
 - 31 Modus —
 - 33 Novel that should have been written by T.S. Eliot?
 - 35 Hosp parts
 - 36 Some pizzas
 - 38 Purge
 - 39 Romantic comedy that should have starred B.D. Wong?
 - 43 Épée, say
 - 45 Elthyl ender
 - 46 "Sprechen — Deutsch?"
 - 47 "Very funny!"
 - 50 Yes, in Ypres
 - 51 Tree juices
 - 55 Harpoon, e.g.
 - 57 Off — wall
 - 59 Drama that should have starred E.G. Marshall?
 - 62 Muscular power
 - 64 Calgary's province
 - 67 Roof tiles
 - 68 City in Italy or California
 - 69 Song that should have been sung by B.B. King?
 - 72 Roasting rod
 - 73 Baseball game part
 - 75 Catches slyly
 - 76 See 70-Down
 - 78 Pamphlet that should have been written by C.S. Lewis?
 - 81 Pull sharply
 - 83 Kitten sound
 - 84 Lamb
 - 85 Gorged on
 - 86 Golfing unit
 - 89 Depot abbr.
 - 91 José's "day"
 - 92 Nerd's kin
 - 94 Song that should have been sung by B.J. Thomas?
 - 97 Most hip
 - 101 St. Francis' birthplace
 - 104 Comp —
 - 105 Memoir that should have been written by A.A. Milne?
 - 107 Bible book
 - 112 Soprano
 - 113 Michael of
 - 114 Ex-veep
 - 115 Raptors' org.
 - 116 Some Afkaners
 - 117 Piece that should have been composed by J.S. Bach?
 - 120 Atlas
 - 121 Tehran's land
 - 122 Meadows
 - 123 In good pitch
 - 124 Twisty turns
 - 125 Molown's
 - 126 Dunaway of "Chinatown"
 - 127 Exadling
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Instructional book
 - 2 Take — of faith
 - 3 Give credit where credit —
 - 4 Walloped in a boxing ring
 - 5 One-piece bodysuits
 - 6 George Burns film
 - 7 Mischievous
 - 8 Taj Mahal locale
 - 9 Mauna —
 - 10 Spinning
 - 11 Female futurist
 - 12 Short-winded
 - 13 Photo —
 - 14 Impeached
 - 15 Delunct
 - 16 record label
 - 17 Glove's kin
 - 18 Acid-alcohol compounds
 - 19 Not dense
 - 24 Stoppage of a plaintiff's legal action
 - 25 Satirist Mort
 - 30 Well drillers
 - 32 Bro., for one
 - 33 Writer Janowitz
 - 34 Scrub clean
 - 37 — jongg
 - 39 Mrs. Truman
 - 40 Thus far
 - 41 Morgan
 - 42 Post-op program
 - 44 Affliction
 - 48 Chamomile drink, maybe
 - 49 Temple table
 - 51 Bite quickly
 - 52 Way of thinking
 - 53 A South African capital
 - 54 Pl. of TBS
 - 56 Makes hazy
 - 58 Em lead-in
 - 60 Poet
 - 61 Too
 - 63 Big tippler
 - 65 "Muy —" (Spanish for "very good")
 - 66 Teeny-teeny
 - 70 With 76-Across, choose not to take part in
 - 71 Customary
 - 73 Driving peril
 - 74 Chews on
 - 77 Tarkenton of football
 - 119 Crude house



SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

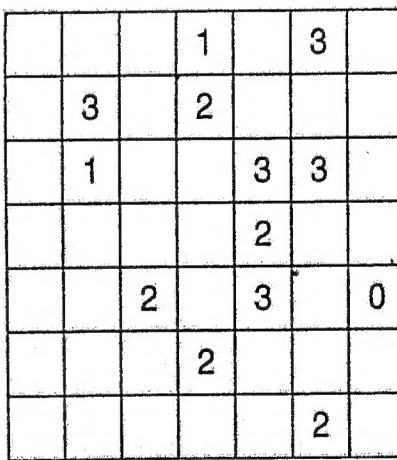
♦ Easy ♦♦ Medium ♦♦♦ Difficult

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Star★Map

By Linda Thistle

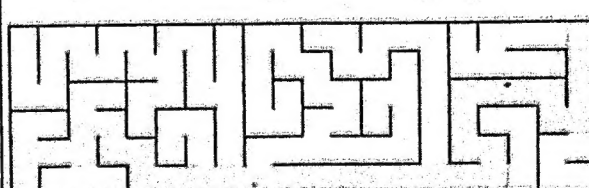
Draw a star in exactly 10 of the empty squares in the diagram below so that each numbered square accurately indicates how many immediately adjacent squares (horizontally, vertically or diagonally) contain a star.



DIFFICULTY: ★

★ Easy ★★ Moderate ★★★ YOWZA!

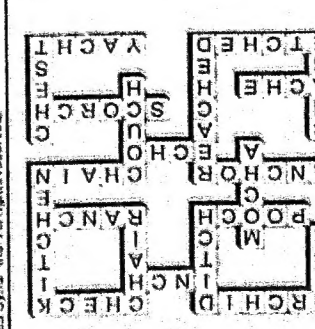
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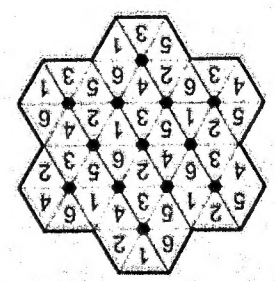
Kids' Maze Solution

answer
Because his T-bones got packed up on the top shelf, say "the steaks are high."

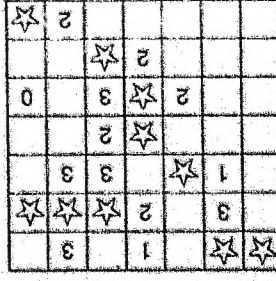
Today's Word
STEREO
1. Repose; 2. Total; 3. Berate; 4. Cleanse
solution
SCRAMBLERS



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Answer



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Carl R. Roberts, Sr., 68, of Danville died unexpectedly Jan. 3, 2015 at Togus. He was born in Greenwood on June 30, 1946 the son of Wendall Fremont and Alice Isobel Felt Roberts. He attended local schools and was a machine operator at Gilbert Manufacturing. He served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War, and was a member of the American Legion in Locke's Mills.

He is survived by his significant other Sylvia McNally; son Carl R. Roberts, Jr. and wife Ann and their children, Shelby, Chance, Chris-

tine and Dale; daughter Pat-sy Cox and Husband Keith and their children, Megan, Nicole and Emma; Sylvia's Children Howard McNally and wife Laura and family, Betty Leavitt and husband Larry and family, Terry Hebert and husband Mo and family, David McNally and wife Tammy and family, Tammy Stowe and significant other Timmy and family; two brothers Leslie Roberts and Duane Roberts; three sisters Elsie Seames and husband Peter, Lenona Cole, Marilyn Howe and husband Wayne; and a very special service brother Mike. He was predeceased by three brothers Albert Roberts, James Roberts and Stanley Roberts; one sister Flossie Seames; one brother-in-law Carlton Cole. Online condolences may be shared with his family at www.chandler-funerals.com

Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, Jan. 10 at 1 p.m. at Chandler Funeral Homes & Cremation Service, Greenleaf Chapel, 37

Vernon Street Bethel. Interment will be in the spring at Hicks Cemetery.



WILLIAM E. WHITE

William E. White, 59, of Peru, died Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2015 in Dixfield.

He was born in Rumford on Nov. 5, 1955, the son of Joseph and Mary (Pol-torick) White, and graduated from Mexico High School Class of 1975.

Bill worked as a lumber handler at Irving Forest Products in Dixfield for 39 years.

He was married in Peru on July 29, 2006 to Tammy E. Garey who survives of Peru. Other survivors include four daughters, Crystal Pulk and husband Stephen of Carthage, Amy Jipson and husband Stephen of Portland, Mary Jordan of Jay and Donna White of Mexico; mother Mary White of Byron; step-daughter Marie Hutchinson and husband Evan, Sr. of Carthage; step-son Lawrence Joseph Ward, Jr. of Peru; two brothers, John White and wife Andrea of Bryant Pond and Joe White and wife Becky of Rumford; six sisters, Rosie Susbury and husband Robert of Byron, Theresa North and husband Tim and Irene Haines and husband Rocky both of Rumford, MaryAnn Shrimp and husband Steve of N.H., Susan Dzski and husband Mike of Rangeley, and Barbara Wilhoite and husband Jackie of Newport;

many grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by a brother Arthur White and his mother-in-law Edith Garey.

Friends are invited to sign the family guest book and share their thoughts, condolences and memories online at www.meadersandson.com

A celebration of his life will be conducted at 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, 2014 at the Dixfield Church of The Nazarene, Weld Street, Dixfield, with Pastor Chuck Mason officiating. Friends and family are invited to call at the Meader & Son Funeral Home, 3 Franklin Street, Rumford on Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. Those who desire may contribute to Dixfield Church of the Nazarene, Weld Street, Dixfield, Maine 04224, in his memory.



LESTER R. THURSTON, JR.

Lester Ralph Thurston, Jr., 92, of Falmouth, Maine, and Naples, Fla., who spent as much time as possible almost every summer of his life at the camp his grandfather built in 1926 on Roxbury Pond, near Andover, passed away peacefully on Dec. 25, 2014, in Naples, with his wife of 67 years, Nancy, and his daughter Leslie at his side. He was born Feb. 5, 1922, in Harrisburg, Pa., the only child of the late Lester R. Thurston, Sr., and Martha Mason Thurston, formerly of Kennett Square, Pa. His mother died in childbirth

when he was eight years old, and he was raised by his father's second wife, the former Eva Claire Snell of Andover, a private duty registered nurse, who he considered to be his mother.

He was a graduate of John Harris High School, Harrisburg, Pa., and Pennsylvania State University, Class of 1948, and was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity. He served in World War II as a pilot with the rank of Captain in the 15th Army Air Force from 1943 to 1946, and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. He married Nancy Wolfe on April 27, 1946, at Harrisburg. He is survived by his wife, their three children, Thomas Thurston of Provincetown, Mass., Stephen Thurston of Ferrisburgh, Vt. and Leslie Thurston of Woodinville, Wash.; four grandchildren, Kevin Thurston and his wife Brooke of Boston, Mass., and Barbara Spangle and her husband Paul of Minneapolis, Minn., (both grandchildren formerly of Paris) Eben Thurston and his wife Jen of Bronxville, N.Y. and Amelie Thurston of Winooski, Vt. and three great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother, William Thurston, and his wife Patricia, of South Andover, and their family.

Les entered the pasta industry in 1950 as a sales representative for the Megs Macaroni Co. in Harrisburg. He rose to become president of Megs in 1964, during which time their Pennsylvania Dutch brand pasta products became a well-known name in the industry. Megs was acquired by Thomas J. Lipton, Inc., in 1965. Les served in various senior management positions at Lipton until 1969, when he joined the C.F. Mueller Co., in Jersey City, N.J., where he became president in 1971, and retired in 1982.

During a lifetime of service, Les was president of the National Pasta Association, a director of the First Jersey National Bank, a director of the United Way of Hudson County, N.J., a member of the board of the Rockaway River Country Club in Den-ville, N.J., a director of Penn State's Alpha Upsilon chapter of Beta Theta Pi, a director of the Penn State Alumni Association in Naples, and a director of the Forum Club of Southwest Florida.

Les's winters since he retired were spent with his wife in Naples, Fla., where they were members of the Naples United Church of Christ. He served on various church committees, and sang in the choir for many years. Fishing and golfing were his passions, and he was also a very involved resident of the Kingsport Club, where they lived, serving as a director from 1996 to 2005,

and as president from 1998 to 2005.

Since 2009, Les and Nancy have summered at Ocean View, a retirement community in Falmouth, to be closer to family members, and his beloved Roxbury Pond. He was a longtime member of the First Congregational Church of Andover, where he also sang in the choir. At annual family camp gatherings, everyone from the oldest to the youngest learned to swim, fish, canoe, kayak, water ski and play Scrabble and Hearts. Les was always avidly interested in the lives of all his family members, in politics, and in Penn State football. He loved his life and family, and was loved in return for his warmth, sincere heart and for always being a gentleman. He will forever be remembered by all of his family members, and never wanted to be separated from the love of his life, his wife Nancy.

A memorial service will be held in Naples, Fla. on his birthday, Feb. 5, with burial at Woodlawn Cemetery in Andover this summer. In lieu of flowers those who desire may make donations to the First Congregational Church of Andover, P.O. Box 249, Andover, Maine 04216.

ARLAN FARRAR, JR.

Mr. Arlan E. Farrar, Jr., 78, died Saturday, Dec. 27, 2014 at the Rumford Hospital. He was a resident of Somerset Street in Rumford.

Born in West Paris on Oct. 29, 1936 he was a son of Arlan and Gertrude (York) Farrar, Sr. He was a graduate of Stephens High School Class of 1955 and also attended Husson College. Arlan served in the US Navy for 21 years when he retired as a Recruit Counselor and later owned and operated Arlan Insurance Agency until his retirement in 2001.

Arlan was a member of Rumford United Methodist Church, the Rumford Grange, Blazing Star Lodge 30 AF & AM, Kora Temple Shrine, Navy Fleet Reserve, Buckfield American Legion, Past Patron of Mount Zion Chapter 142, OES; he had been active with the Boy Scouts serving as Scout Master and District Commissioner.

Arlan was married in Rossville, Ga. on Aug. 22, 1958 to Jackie L. Flury who survives of Rumford. Other survivors include two sons Ernest and his wife Joan of Wayne and John Douglas Farrar and his wife Jeanine of Benton Harbor, Mich.; a daughter Tammy DeBeau and her husband Dennis of St. Johns, Fla.; a sister Barbara Edmunds and her husband Phillip of West Paris; two brothers Dale Farrar of Rumford and Gerald Farrar and his wife Sandra of Sumner; many Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren and a sister-in-law Dorothy Farrar of West Paris. He was predeceased by his parents and two brothers Lee and Eugene Farrar.

Friends and family are invited to sign the online guest book and share memories with the family at www.meadersandson.com.

Funeral services will be held at the family's convenience. Graveside service and interment will be Maine Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Augusta at a later date. Those who desire may contribute to the Virgin Memorial Chapel of the Rumford United Methodist Church c/o James Robertson 724 Forest Ave., Rumford, Maine 04276 in his memory. Arrangements are under the direction of the Meader & Son Funeral Home 3 Franklin Street Rumford, Maine 207-364-4545.

Thank You

We just want to say a big THANK YOU for the food, cards, calls, and prayers. We sure do appreciate it all. Our family has been right there by our side as always. The one day at a time has helped us out a lot.

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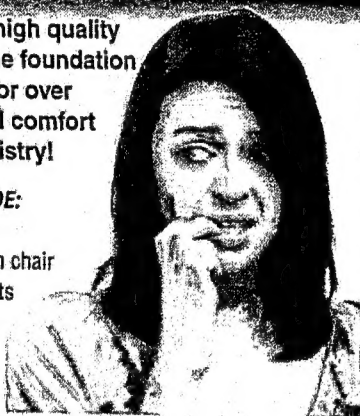
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